

## Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

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## Memorandum

November 3, 2009 Agenda Item 4.3

DATE:

October 27, 2009

TO:

**ACTAC** 

FROM:

Vivek Bhat, Associate Transportation Engineer

RE:

Federal Inactive Projects:

September 2009 Quarterly Review

## Information

Federal regulations require that agencies receiving federal funds invoice against their obligations at least once every six months. Projects that do not have invoicing activity over a six month period are placed on the Inactive Obligation list, and those projects are at risk of deobligation of the project's federal funds unless Caltrans and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) receive either an invoice or a valid justification for inactivity. Caltrans is now tracking inactive obligations, and releasing a list of inactive projects quarterly. If Caltrans and FHWA do not receive adequate invoicing or justification for the project's inactivity, the project may be deobligated.

The Federal Inactive obligations list (Attachment A) for the September 2009 quarter (review period July to September 2009) is now available on the Division of Local Assistance website at <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/Inactiveprojects.htm">http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/Inactiveprojects.htm</a>.

To prevent the deobligation and potential loss of unexpended federal funds for inactive projects with greater than one dollar unexpended balance, local agencies must review the list and take one of the following actions.

- 1. Submit a complete and correct invoice in accordance Caltrans guidelines (Attachment B) for eligible expenditures with an electronic copy to <a href="mailto:chris\_jensen@dot.ca.gov">chris\_jensen@dot.ca.gov</a> by November 25, 2009.
- 2. Identify unneeded project funds and submit deobligation requests to the District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) by November 25, 2009. Process project final closeout, if applicable.
- 3. Submit complete justification form (Attachment C) along with all backup documentation to DLAE by **November 25, 2009** for projects that do not have eligible expenditures to be invoiced or do not have unneeded funds to be deobligated.

To prevent the deobligation and potential payback of federal funds for inactive projects with less than one dollar unexpended balance, local agencies must complete the project closeout documents with enclosures, as per 23 CFR and submit the complete package to the DLAE for review by **November 25, 2009**. Contact the DLAE for any assistance and guidance you may need to complete this package.

Please contact Chris Jensen at 916-653-3085 or Albert Yang at 916-651-8910 from Caltrans Local Assistance, if you have any questions.

Attachments

## Alameda County - Inactive List for September 2009 Quarterly Review (Review Period 07/01/09 - 09/30/09)

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ATTACHMENT B ACTAC Agenda Item 4.3 Meeting Date 11/03/09

----- Forwarded by Sylvia Fung/D04/Caltrans/CAGov on 09/09/2009 04:08 PM
-----Bakari Akil/D04/Caltrans /CAGov
To Local Assistance - Public Works Directors 09/09/2009 03:48 PM

Subject New Procedure - Invoice Package Submittals

Dear Directors,

As you may be aware of, new procedures were implemented associated with the review and approval of local agency invoices for federal and state funded local transportation projects administered by Caltrans that went into effect September 1, 2009.

The purpose of this communication is to establish the procedure for handling the review and approval of invoices with Caltrans District 4.

There have been no changes to the existing requirements arising from the new procedures for the submittal of your invoices. Please refer to DLA- OB 09-05 (Local Agency Invoice Review) @ <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/DLA OB/DLA OB.htm">http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/DLA OB/DLA OB.htm</a> for details. Caltrans expects the following procedure to be adhered to by local agencies when submitting invoice packages:

- ➤ Effective September 1, 2009, all invoice packages for Caltrans District 4 are to be submitted to the attn. of Mr. Bakari Akil @ Caltrans Office of Local Assistance, Mail Station 10-B, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623 0660.
- > Perform work and/or make progress estimates and payments to contractors/consultant.
- > Prepare timely and accurate progress invoices (ensuring support documentation and a certification affirming the accuracy of the invoice package is included).
- > Submit an original signed invoice on agency letterhead with 2 copies of the original invoice and 2 copies of your supporting documentation.
- > Submit a copy of Exhibit 15-G2 "Local Agency Bidder DBE Information" (Construction Contracts) within 15 days of contract execution. Failure to submit this may result in deobligation of funds for your project.
- > Submit a copy of the contract Award Package to DLAE within 60 days of contract award. Failure to submit the Award Package will delay the payment of the first construction invoice. (Please note that invoices that are received prior to or without the submission of an Award Package will be returned).
- > Submit a contract Bid Summary/Cost to Date form to verify that the completed work is consistent with the total Federal/State funds invoiced.
- > For consultant service contracts, submit a copy of the executed agreement and substantiation of the consultant selection process being in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Chapter 10 "Consultant Selection" of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual along with the first invoice.
- > Submit an invoice a minimum of every 6 months to avoid placement on inactive projects list.

Feel free to contact me should you have additional questions or concerns.

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